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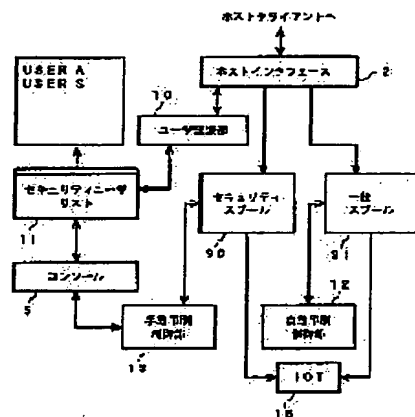
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(54) PRINTING CONTROLLER

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To ensure security of printing data transfer, based upon the FTP protocol.

SOLUTION: In a security user list 11, users who are allowed to perform security-printing are registered in advance. A user recognition part 10 stores received data in a security spool 90 on condition that a received user command as an FTP protocol command or information on a path command is registered in the list 11. A manual printing control part 13 reads a stored data out of the security spool 90 and transfers them to a printer engine when a security user name is inputted from a console 5 together with a printing request.



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